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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

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Serial No. 10/828,754)

Filed April 21, 2004)

IN SITU METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
BIODEGRADATION OF ALKYL ETHERS)
AND TERTIARY BUTYL ALCOHOL)

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Christopher Upton

October 5, 2004

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby request the entry of the attached drawings which were
inadvertently omitted in the non-provisional application filed April 21, 2004.

Applicants filed a petition on August 23, 2004, maintaining that the application
was complete on filing and entitled to a filing date because the application incorporated
by reference the entire disclosure of a prior application.


The Office of Petition granted the petition for the reason that the present
application is deemed to be an application that does not require drawings for an
understanding of the invention. Accordingly, the application, as filed, was entitled to the
filing date of April 21, 2004. It was suggested that prior to the first action on the merits,

petitioner should file a preliminary amendment requesting entry of the omitted drawings.

A copy of the Decision Granting Petition mailed September 23, 2004 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- 1) Drawings Figures 1-7
- 2) Decision Granting Petition dated September 23, 2004